

Monthly Newsletter November 2009

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◆ H1N1 Influenza - Agency News and Updates:

The Office of the Chief Health and Medical Officer (OCHMO) has received a small initial shipment of the 2009 H1N1 Vaccine from the CDC and designated those for the personnel at the NASA Occupational Medicine (OM) Clinics and the Childcare Centers. The first 100 doses received were split between JSC and KSC clinics. The next shipment of 300 doses is expected at JSC soon and will be shipped to the remaining

Centers. The JSC pharmacy is coordinating the shipments for the Agency. Although we expect to receive further shipments from the CDC, we expect the majority of NASA personnel will receive the H1N1 vaccine from their local State Public Health departments. Some Center OM clinics have

volunteered to be distribution sites for their respective states. To date, none of our Center OM clinics have received H1N1 vaccine from their states. Updates on the status of 2009 H1N1 Vaccine from the Center OM Clinics through their states will be requested periodically. Dr. Vince Michaud is the OCHMO representative on the HQ Pandemic Working Group and responsible for the coordination of the vaccine distribution.

- ◆ NPR 1800.1C Occupational Health Program Procedures Revision is Finalized: The update of NPR 1800.1C NASA Occupational Health Program Procedures has completed the approval process. The document has been posted to the NASA Online Directives Information System (NODIS). All OCHMO policies can be easily located from the policy page.
- ◆ Mayo Clinic <u>EmbodyHealth 2009</u>: The engagement data reflects employee participation including JSC's (5,136 out of the total).

7,290 Total Health Assessments completed 2,073 Civil Service Employees 4,869 Contract Employees 348 Other, Spouse, Children

We are preparing for the 2010 roll out of the Mayo Clinic EmbodyHealth and our regular teleconferences with the Mayo Clinic staff have begun. If you are interested in participating in this process please notify Mae Hafizi. The summary of the 2009 NASA Health Assessment data will be presented during the 12/10/09 HPW ViTS. To keep abreast of your Center's health profile and engagement data visit the Mayo Clinic Report Suite.

◆ 2010 *HealthierYou* Campaign Components: In the coming year, the 2010 *HealthierYou* will continue to promote the same message of Personal Accountability for Health and Safety by enlisting the same variety of tools: 1) A HealthierYou Quarterly E-newsletter, will introduce one EmbodyHealth feature and one health challenge in each of the four quarters; 2) HealthierYou Calendar will address selfmanagement of chronic illnesses; 3) Mayo Clinic EmbodyHealth Newsletters (hard copy) serve as credible print education material; 4) Influenza Vaccination Drive, will return as the longstanding component of the Agency's wellness efforts; and

- 5) Mayo Clinic EmbodyHealth, will also return as the Agency's online e-health package for the purpose of health assessment and promotion.
- ◆ EHRS Project Update: The resolution of the IT security issues continue to be worked by the EHRS Project Manager. Once the issues are resolved we will move forward with a revised scheduled beginning with the retraining of the Stennis Space Center (SSC) Occupational Medicine and Environmental Health staff. The EHRS Implementation Team is continuing the work on the base tables for all clinics, the system testing, and the Records Management Plan. The next Webinar is scheduled for November 5 at 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. The agenda will include an EHRS Project Update, training on accessing EHRS SharePoint, and a Medgate module demonstration.
- ◆ Buy Quiet Webinars: On Monday November 9, and Tuesday November 10, there will be two webinars facilitated by Beth Cooper and focused on the ongoing Buy Quiet initiative and related Process Roadmap Website. Introduction to Buy-Quiet and the Buy-Quiet Process Roadmap will be on Monday, from 1:00-2:00 PM EST and the Buy-Quiet Process Roadmap in-depth tutorial will be held on Tuesday, 1:00-2:30 PM EST.
- ◆ Annual OH Training Needs Survey: Annually in October the Agency OH office conducts a training needs survey. This survey helps the Agency office better understand the training needs of Occupational Health Professionals across NASA. The survey results are used to plan training courses, conferences,

ViTS, etc. Your input is vital to the success of this survey effort. The survey was open between Friday October 16, and Saturday October 31. Thanks to all who took the time to provided us valuable input!



♦ Environmental Health Training in Emergency **Response Course Registration Update:** Registration continues for the EH Training in Emergency Response Course.

The course is scheduled for November 16 – 19 at KSC and is open to all NASA Center EH personnel at no registration cost. This is an excellent opportunity for EH personnel to become more aware of the many facets of an Emergency Response for EH staff and be better prepared in the event of an emergency.

- **♦ NASA OH Center Review Calendar:**
- January 26-29, Michoud Assembly Facility
- Upcoming OH ViTS & Web Exs:
- Workers' Compensation November 3, 11:00-12:00 EST
- Health Physics November 4, 11:00-12:00 EST
- EHRS Task Force Webinar November 5, 11:30-12:30 EST
- Environmental Health November 12, 2:30-3:30 EST

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